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SUBJECT: SIAD SACKS SIXTY SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS

1. SOMALI GOVT ANNOUNCED ON JUNE 22 DISCHARGE OF FIFTY-SEVEN SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS. THREE MORE SUBSEQUENTLY ADDED AND COMPLETE LIST OF SIXTY HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN DAILY OKTOBER STAR.

2. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT, SIXTY WERE DISCHARGED FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW IDEOLOGY OF REVOLUTION. RADIO MOGADISCIO COMMENTARY ON JUNE 23 FOLLOWED SAME LINE AND ACCUSED OFFICIALS OF FAILURE TO PERFORM DUTIES IN SPIRIT OF SOMALI REVOLUTION. RADIO MOGADISCIO CLAIMED SIXTY HAD FAILED HEED REPEATED WARNINGS OF PRESIDENT SIAD, HAD FAILED TO CHANGE WITH TIMES AND HAD CLUNG TO OLD MENTALITY. RADIO COMMENTATOR BLAMED OFFICIALS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SHORTCOMINGS AND SOMALI ECONOMIC STAGNATION.

3. LIST OF SIXTY INCLUDES NINE MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERALS, INCLUDING NUMBER OF EX-AMBASSADORS. NUMBER OF ASSISTANT DIRECTORS ALSO INCLUDED.

4. WE ARE NOT RPT NOT YET SURE WHAT THIS LATEST BUREAUCRATIC PURGE MEANS. WHAT SEEMS MOST APPARENT ON FACE OF IT IS THAT
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GSDR HAS LOST SERVICES OF SIXTY EXPERIENCED CIVIL SERVANTS

WHO WERE NOT RPT NOT AS DEDICATED TO BUILDING SIAD'S NEW
SOCIAL ORDER AS SIAD DESIRED.

5. ACCORDING TO ONE UNCONFIRMED REPORT, SRC WAS NOT RPT NOT
AWARE OF PURGE UNTIL IT WAS ANNOUNCED. SOME SRC MEMBERS
PROTESTED BUT WERE TOLD THAT PRESIDENCY AND POLITICAL OFFICE
HAD DRAWN UP LIST. IDENTITY OF THEIR REPLACEMENTS WILL
GIVE US MUCH BETTER CLUE AS TO MEANING OF MASS EXPULSIONS.
OUR SUSPICIONS ARE THAT SIXTY CIVIL SERVANTS WHO WERE SACKED
WILL BE REPLACED BY YOUNGER SOCIALIST PROGRESSIVES WHO HAVE
SUPPORT OF POLITICAL OFFICE AND ARE PRODUCT OF HALANE
TRAINING CENTER MENTALITY. BUT THIS REMAINS TO BE SEEN.
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